



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:) **CONFIRMATION NO.: 2876**
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U.S. Serial No.: 10/554,086) **Group Art Unit: 1792**
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Filed: October 21, 2005) **Examiner: Rudy Zervigon**
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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MODIFYING SURFACE OF INTERLAYER**
INSULATING FILM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

A response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2008 is due by July 26, 2008. The Action required restriction between two patentably distinct inventions.

Applicant hereby elects Group I of claims 1-8, drawn to a method for modifying a surface, for examination in this application.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional application(s) for the non-elected claims in due course.

It is submitted that this application now is in condition for examination on the merits and early action in that regard is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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